

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request an early examination and allowance of the claims.

Claims 10 and 16-41 are pending in the above-referenced application. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of groups I-XVI in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicants hereby elect Group XIV, drawn to a method for treating atherosclerosis which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a serine palmitoyltransferase inhibitor to a mammal in need thereof, encompassing claims 28 and 31.

Applicants include herewith an Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this election has been fully responsive to the restriction requirement. Examination is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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